

STRATHBUNGO SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting
Tuesday 19th November 2013
The Bungo, Nithsdale Road, Strathbungo, Glasgow

1. **Sederunt:** Teresa Mooney (Chair), Alison Hunter (Secretary), Bryan Miller (Treasurer), Alison Hussain (Vice-Chair), Stephen Rees, Paola Rezilli, Mary Boyle, Linda Forrester, Angus Henderson, Mark McDermott, Rosanne McElhoney and Nick Kempe

Apologies

Dee Miller

1. Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as accurate.

2. Finance

Finance Report

The balance on the account was reported as £2,651.53 pounds.

It was noted that a donation had been received from Mulberry Street for Bungo In The Back Lanes and that it had been agreed to gift of two bottles of wine to Allan Hunter, by way of thanks, for auditing the Society's Annual Accounts free of charge.

The Treasurer was asked to reclaim the Gift Aid for the Strathbungo Society for the two previous years.

It was agreed that the list of members be reviewed in order to identify and to target possible new members. It was noted that three new "Friends" joined at the AGM. All present were asked to note that the membership form is available from the website.

Action – Bryan Miller and Stephen Rees

3. Communications

Newsletter

It was noted that the December's newsletter was being drafted and will include information for Bungo at the Bells and an article on the Bungo Birl. Distribution of the newsletter was scheduled for December.

Website

It was noted that activity on the website remained constant. All present were encouraged to contribute to the website.

Communications Policy

It was noted that work on drafting a communications policy to be adopted by the Society remained ongoing.

Action – Dee Miler and all

4. AGM - Update

It was noted that 16 people had attended another successful Society AGM. The Chair's Report and audited accounts of the Society were presented. All Officers posts had been successfully filled and contributions were received from the non-elected officers (who undertake the delivery of many of the Society events) and the local elected representative Cllr Mcleod.

The Society's plans to mark the Commonwealth Games were discussed as was the issue of crime prevention.

5. Crime Prevention

Following discussion at the AGM and the number of recent break-ins in the area it was agreed that the Society should host a meeting to raise awareness about the issue of crime prevention. The Community Police Team, Councillors and residents should all be invited.

It was agreed that the police should be contacted first to discuss what information on crime prevention is currently available and to liaise with them on a possible wider meeting.

Action – Teresa Mooney

6. Event Planning

Bungo Birl – 23rd November 2013

It was noted that plans for the event were progressing well, and that just 13 tickets remained unsold. It was forecast that the event would make a profit for the society. A number of people had volunteered to help on the night and it was agreed that the Strathbungo Society should promote itself at the event by using the Society Banner and having an information table.

Action – Alison Hussain, Paula Rezilli & Alison Hunter

Bungo at the Bells – 31st December 2013

It was agreed that BATB 2013 would take place at Andrew and Ann Downie's at 52 Marywood Square.

Art competition / Spring Fling – Spring 2014

The Chair agreed to look into a theme for the next art competition. It was noted that a theme had been agreed the previous year which would be: 'Sport in Strathbungo'. The Chair advised the meeting that they were talking to some young people who have offered to help organise this year's event.

Action – Teresa Mooney

Commonwealth Games – Summer 2014

It was agreed that the Society should hold an event to mark the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. It was agreed that a group should be created to discuss ideas for the event, which may be held on the same day as BITBL. Paola Rezilli offered to help with some of the organisation. A request for volunteers to get involved with the event should be included in the newsletter.

Action – Teresa Mooney

7. Planning

Two emails had been received by the Society asking it to object to a “planning application” to renew the bedsit licence at 55 Marywood Square.

The meeting also received a representation from the new owner of the property who informed the Society that this was a licence renewal rather than change of use. He advised the Society that the property had been run as a successful number of bedsits for 30-40 years and that he had recently bought the property as a going concern. He assured the meeting that it will continue to be run as a respectable operation. The owner then left the meeting to allow the Society to discuss the proposals.

As the application was a licence renewal it was agreed that there the Society would not object. This was because the property had been run as a bedsit business for a long time, without any issues and the current application was simply a change of ownership. The owner had indicated that he would post on the Blog reassurances to residents of the area to this effect.

8. Any Other Business

Pollokshields Area Committee

No meeting had been held since the Society last met

The Bridge

Details on who owns the bridge and who is responsible for its maintenance are still to be determined.

Action: Nick Kempe

Community Empowerment Bill

The Community Empowerment Bill has been published and can be accessed on line via - <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations/current>

The Bungo

It was agreed that The Bungo be paid for the provision of tea and coffee at the Society's monthly meetings at The Bungo as they provided use of their facilities free of charge to the Society.

Christmas Drinks

The Strathbungo Society Christmas Drinks will be held at The Bungo on Tuesday 17th December 7.30pm. A invite to all to attend was to be posted on the Bungoblog.

The next meeting of the Strathbungo Society will be held on Tuesday the 21st January at 7.30pm at The Bungo, Nithsdale Road.